(d) Does not arise.

Technology Transfer From U.S.

3609. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the leading United States firms are unhappy over the technology tightfistedness of their bureaucracy controlling technological exports from USA to India and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking to overcome this problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have received no formal representations from US firms to this effect;

(b) Officials of the two Governments periodically review the arrangements for transfer of technology with a view to facilitating such exchanges and streamlining procedures.

Cancellation of orders for bofors guns

3610. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to cancel further orders of 155 mm guns from M/s. Bofors;

(b) whether the Indian agency, State Trading Corporation (STC), has intimated to M|s Bofors to this effect;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what would be the loss to STC if the contract to cancel further orders of 155 mm guns from M|s. Bofors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Proposed Ventures for Indo-US Collaboration

3611. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 70 new projects have been proposed for joint collaboration between the United States and India, following the ninth meeting of the Indo-US Sub-Commission on Science & Technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Indo-US Sub-Commission on Science & Technology has recommended a number of topics in areas of health medicines and life sciences, physical and material sciences, energy, atmospheric and marine sciences environment and ecology, earth sciences and information science and technology in which the concerned scientists would submit proposals for necessary action.

Bangladesh claims over islands in the Bay of Bengal

3612. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh have claimed sovereignty over some of the Indian Islands in the Bay of Bengal sometime back;

(b) if so, the names and the number of such Islands over which Bangladesh have claimed their sovereignty; and

(c) what action the Government of India have taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bangladesh has claimed the New Moore island.

(c) India has furnished to Bangladesh the data which establish India's ownership of New Moore island Bangladesh has not responded to, or controverted the data

Finalisation of Defence deals

3613. SHRIMATI BIJOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the total number of defence deals finalised during 1985—87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): For the modernisation of the Armed Forces, various defence deals are concluded including import of sophisticated weapon systems when these are not readily available in adequate quantities through indigenous sources However, it will not be in the national interest to divulge information regarding details of various defence deals.

Projects in Andhra Pradesh delayed for want of clearance

3614 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the projects in Andhra Pradesh which have been delayed for want of clearance from the Central Government;

(b) what it the cost escalation on account of such delay;

(c) what are the main reasons for delay in clearance of those projects; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to clear such projects?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grant of ex-gratia payment to widows of railway employees

3615. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision on part II of the Fourth Pay Commissions Report regarding the grant of ex-gratia payment to the widows of deceased employees covered by the CPF scheme has been implemented in the Ministry of Railways,

(b) whether this also covers widows of the railway employees who had officiated on non-pensionable posts and retired of died before 1st January, 1964;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (d) Fourth Central Pay Commission has recommended that widows and dependent children of deceased Central Government employees coverd by the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme getting pay upto Rs. 500|- per mensem may be granted exgratia payment at Rs 150|- per month, the eligibility of widows and minor children for this purpose being the same as laid down under the Pension Rules The recommendation is under consideration of the Government.

Promotions of Naval Officers

3616. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of promotions of naval officers considered from Com-